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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED. ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 per cent. " " 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED. Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

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Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF ENGLISH-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE; BEAUTIFUL WATER-COLOURS, ENGRAVINGS, CHROMOS, &c., &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from T. SHURAFALLY, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 22nd Instant, at his Residence, No. 27, Wellington Street, at 2 p.m.,—

The whole of his HOUSEHOLD and OFFICE FURNITURE, Consisting of Walnut and Satin-covered Couches and Chairs, Blackwood Marble-top Tables, a nice Collection of Water-Colours, Engravings, and Chromos, Carpeting, Marble Clocks, a Large Statuette ("Venus"), with Glass Shade, Bagatelle Table, Side Tables, Pier Glasses, Dining Table and Chairs, Whist-table, Sideboard, Complete Dinner and Dessert Services, Glass and Plated-ware.

BEDROOM and OFFICE FURNITURE.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. GUEDES, Jr., Auctioneer. Hongkong, September 18, 1877. se22

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION. THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 24th September, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

12 cases BISQUIT DUBOUCHE & Co's 1 to 4 Star COGNAC.

32 cases CLARET, "St. Emilion," in Quarts and Pints.

17 cases CLARET, "Larose."

3 cases CLARET, "Lafitte."

48 cases CLARET, "St. Julien."

41 cases CLARET, "St. Esteph," in Quarts and Pints.

30 cases BRANDY.

20 cases BURGUNDY.

5 cases CHAMPAGNE.

83 cases CLARET.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer. Hongkong, September 19, 1877. se24

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell on

SATURDAY,

the 6th October, 1877, at 4 p.m., at the Spot,—

7 CHINESE HOUSES, Nos. 7 to 19, Situated at the Upper Station Street. Ground Rent, \$14 per Annum.

For Particulars, apply to J. M. GUEDES, Jr., Auctioneer. Hongkong, September 20, 1877. oof

CONSULAT DE FRANCE A HONGKONG.

AVIS.

EN vertu d'une décision du Contre-amiral Gouverneur et Commandant en chef, en date du 10 septembre 1877, il sera procédé le lundi 1er octobre prochain, à sept heures du matin, dans les bureaux du Receveur des Domaines de Saigon, rue Catinat, et par ses soins, le commissaire de la marine d'ordonner la vente aux enchères publiques de la coque doublée et chevillée en cuivre du vaisseau le "FLEURUS."

Le prix, augmenté de 5 pour cent pour tous frais, sera payé comptant.

Les étrangers pourront prendre part à l'adjudication.

Dès le 20 septembre courant, le public sera admis à visiter le bâtiment, sur une autorisation du Commandant de la marine. Saigon, le 10 septembre 1877.

[Translation.] BY virtue of a Decree of the Rear Admiral Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Cochinchina, dated September 10th, 1877:—

On MONDAY, 1st October next, at Seven o'clock in the morning, WILL BE SOLD by Public Auction, at the Office of the Receiver des Domaines de Saigon, Rue Catinat, the Marine Commissariat being duly represented,—

The Hull of the French Man-of-war "FLEURUS."

Coppered and Copper Fastened. The purchase money, plus Five per cent. for all expenses, to be paid in cash.

Foreigners will be permitted to purchase. The Public will be admitted to inspect the Vessel from the 20th September, by authority of the Commandant de la Marine.

Saigon, 10th September, 1877.

大富浪沙總統南圻水陸軍民全權大臣官

等週知準以本年十月初一號即南八月廿

鐘在崇德總領地官座前那街立行收買

大船外押精銅板名目各款銀錢地稅

領買者所應納稅銀以爲公費之需凡

領買者不拘何人現時自便自便之權

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PUBLIC AUCTION. LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, At a Date hereafter to be named,—

The British Barque "ALPHINGTON,"

of 326 Tons Register or of about 8,000 piculs Carrying Capacity, with all her TACKLE, APPAREL and INVENTORY.

The Vessel was Built under Lloyd's special survey at Berwick-on-Tweed in 1856, Classed 12 years A 1, at Lloyd's and continued in 1868 A 1, for 8 years.

She was Remastered over Felt in London in July, 1875.

TERMS.—One-third of the purchase money to be paid on fall of the hammer, the remainder upon Transfer being effected. The Vessel is at Purchaser's risk immediately after fall of hammer.

Hongkong, August 25, 1877.

NOTICE. WE have been appointed AGENTS for the GERMANIO LLOYD, GERMAN and INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY for the CLASSIFICATION OF SHIPS.

MELCHERS & Co. Hongkong, September 11, 1877. oof

NOTICE. MR. F. W. HAGEDORN has CEASED to be a Partner in our Firm here and in China.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, September 1, 1877. oof

NOTICE. FROM This Date Mr EDWARD SHEPPARD and Mr M. W. GREGG, are authorized to Sign the name of our Firm per Procuration at Foochow, and Mr F. F. ELWELL at Amoy.

RUSSELL & Co. China, June 1, 1877. del

NOTICE. MR. F. C. DITTMER is authorized to Sign our Firm per Procuration.

SANDER & Co. Hongkong, June 23, 1877.

TO LET. NOS. 4, and 5, PRINCE TERRACE, ELGIN STREET.

Apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, July 30, 1877.

AN OFFICE TO LET. Apply to LANDSTEIN & Co. Hongkong, September 15, 1877.

TO LET. TOP FLOOR of the House now occupied by Mr A. HAHN, at Wanchai. Apply on the Premises.

Hongkong, September 11, 1877.

TO LET. THE DWELLING HOUSE in CAINE ROAD, at present in the occupation of H. DU POUY, Esq. Possession from 1st November next.

Apply to JOHN JACK, East Point. Hongkong, September 7, 1877.

TO LET. THE Dwelling House and Offices No. 1, D'Agular Street, lately in the occupation of Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. The Dwelling House No. 6, Gough Street. The Dwelling House No. 10, Gough Street.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, July 9, 1877.

TO LET. HOUSE No. 10, Albany Road, lately occupied by the Rev. R. H. KIDD. "Binnie Villa," Pok-fu-lum, Furnished. Houses Nos. 6 and 9, Peddar's Hill.

DAVID SARSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, July 21, 1877.

FOR SALE. DE SOUZA & Co.'s DATE BLOCK FOR 1878, CONTAINING ENGLISH & CHINESE DATES, &c. IS NOW READY.

Price, 70 Cents. A liberal allowance will be made for 10 or more Copies.

Hongkong, September 17, 1877. oof

NOW READY. A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I, A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D. Tubingen.

Price: Two DOLLARS AND A HALF. To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai and Messrs KELLY & WATSON, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

FOR SALE. LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co. HAVE FOR SALE, EX-STEAMSHIPS, "YORKSHIRE," "MADAGASCAR," "CITY OF TOKIO," &c., &c.

NEW SEASON'S (MAY) BUTTER. The First Shipment of Bush & Co.'s Celebrated Cowbrand DANISH BUTTER.

In Tins of 1 lb. each, 50 Cents per lb. In Tins of 2 lb. each, 55 Cents per lb. In Tins of 4 lb. each, 50 Cents per lb.

Fresh supplies of GROSSE & BLACKWELL'S OILMANS' STORES, and American Family MESS STORES,—As per their JULY PRICE LIST.

(All Stores sold by L. A. & Co. are of the Very Best Quality.)

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HOTH'S RUSSIAN ROPE and TARED LINES.

FISHING LINES and WHITE LINES, of all descriptions.

INDIA RUBBER SHEETS, and Insertion of all Sizes.

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JAPANESE TOILET SETS. CARRIAGE LAMPS, and CARRIAGE CANDLESTICKS.

WATER FILTERS. GOSNELL'S HAIR BRUSHES, TOOTH BRUSHES, and NAIL BRUSHES.

A Fine Assortment of DE LA RUE'S STATIONERY, BOOKS, NOVELS, WORKS OF REFERENCE, SCHOOL BOOKS, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, September 15, 1877.

FOR SALE. CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s Celebrated Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.

Apply to SIEMSEN & Co. Hongkong, June 22, 1877.

FOR SALE. BERLIN TIVOLI BEER, in Cases of 4 Doz. Quarts.

WIELER & Co. Hongkong, August 20, 1877.

Intimations. NOTICE. A. MILLAR & Co., PLUMBERS, and GAS FITTERS, Queen's Road East, HONGKONG.

September 15, 1877.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD. WILL be paid to the Person who finds Two Thin GOLD RINGS, (of no value to any one but the Owner), and Returns them to the Compadron of DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, September 17, 1877. se24

DENTAL NOTICE. DR. ROGERS begs to inform his Patrons and the Public that he intends to visit AMOY and FOOCHEW in September and October, leaving HONGKONG about the 15th of September.

Hongkong, August 6, 1877.

NOTICE. MR. A. HAHN begs to leave to inform his numerous Patrons and the Public generally of Hongkong, that, by special request, he has now OPENED his ESTABLISHMENT in this Colony at WANCHAI, in the Premises lately occupied by the American Consul.

Mr. HAHN trusts to be favored with the continued Patronage of the public, as he has lately received a NEW STOCK of REPAIRING MATERIALS, all of the best quality, from England, France and Germany. Inspection invited.

Hongkong, September 7, 1877. oof

PIANOS and any other Musical Instruments TUNED, REPAIRED, and RE-CONSTRUCTED.

PIANOS ON HIRE, by the Month or Occasionally.

PIANOS FOR SALE, New and Second-hand, all in perfectly Good Order, Guaranteed.

Special Attention is invited to a new Grand Cottage PIANO, by LUDERS and RUMER, Zeit—Just Received from Germany, and specially constructed for this climate to the order of the Undersigned.

Orders from any of the Outposts in the East, will meet with prompt attention if addressed:—

Care of Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., or Messrs GUY & Co.

A. HAHN. Hongkong, September 7, 1877.

Intimations. G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.

46, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, August 20, 1877. se20

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the proportion of the Net Profits to be reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary. Hongkong, August 1, 1877. nol

THE HONGKONG HOTEL. TENDERS are invited for a LEASE of the HONGKONG HOTEL, the present five-yearly Lease expiring on the 31st August, 1878. SEALED TENDERS to be sent in on or before the 31st March, 1878, to the Secretary of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, who will supply any information required.

By Order of the Directors, LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary. Hongkong, September 15, 1877. apl

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of this Society will be held at its Head Office, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th Inst., at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statements of Accounts for the Year 1876, and for the half year ending 30th June, 1877.

The Transfer Books of the Society will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 26th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, E. MOORE, Act. Secretary. Hongkong, September 12, 1877. se26

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the distribution of Twenty per cent (20 %) of the Net Profits reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, August 1, 1877. nol

W. BALL, CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES and PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRATA WEST, HONGKONG, Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf, Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

DEVOS'S BRILLIANT OIL.

RELIABLE, ECONOMICAL, SAFE!!

DESIRING to benefit by the world-wide reputation of our Oil, certain parties have attempted to imitate our packages. Suits at law have been instituted against the MAKERS and PURCHASERS of these imitations. Buyers should be careful to see that the words "DEVOS'S BRILLIANT" are stencilled on the cases, and the words "DEVOS & CO. PATENTS" are stamped on the top of the can.

THE DEVOS MANUFACTURING Co., 80 Beaver and 127 Pearl Streets, NEW YORK, U. S. A.

Shipping. Steamers. FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW. The Steamship "DOUGLAS," Captain G. D. FITZMAN, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 22nd Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, September 20, 1877. se22

FOR COOKTOWN AND SYDNEY. The British Steamer "CHINKLAP," Capt. W. ORR, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 24th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, September 20, 1877. se24

FOR SHANGHAI. The British Steamer "BRAEMAR CASTLE," Capt. AYRES, will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, September 20, 1877.

Sailing Vessels. FOR NEW YORK.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. CO. M. P. A. Y.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship *GALLIO*, from San Francisco, &c., are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, September 20, 1877. se25

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Braemar* Castle having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Undersigned into their Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Goods will be forwarded on to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given before 5 p.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 27th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter signed by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, September 20, 1877. se27

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *STRATHAIR* having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Undersigned into their Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Goods will be forwarded to Japan, unless notice to the contrary is given before Noon To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 24th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter signed by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, September 17, 1877. se24

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Glenarney* having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given before Noon To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 22nd instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter signed by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, September 17, 1877. se24

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. YANG-TSE.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Gange*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before 2 p.m. To-day, the 18th instant, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be counter signed by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Tuesday the 25th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUEY, Agent.

Hongkong, September 18, 1877. se25

To-day's Advertisements.

THE ROYAL BIJOU VARIETY TROUPE.

UNDER DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE WILL GIVE ONE ENTERTAINMENT.

AT THE CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

To-morrow Evening, 22nd September, 1877.

To Commence at 9 P.M., PROMPTLY.

PROGRAMME:

PART I.

Overture.

To Commence with the Laughable Farce, "BORROWED PLUMES."

Interval of Ten Minutes.

PART II.

Overture.

DANCE—"Irish Jig,"—Miss Alice St. Clair.

DANCE—"Gentleman Amateur."

DANCE—"Spanish Tarantella,"—Miss Alice St. Clair.

OPERATION—"Selections,"—Orchestra.

DANCE—"Highland Fling,"—Miss Alice St. Clair.

Interval of Ten Minutes.

PART III.

Overture.

"TABLEAU VIVANTS."

Illustrated with Descriptive Music and Pyrotechnic Illuminations.

TABLEAU I.—"ACIS & GALATEA," in Three Changes.

1.—THE FIGHTING GLADIATORS.

2.—FLORA.

3.—THE FIRST FRATRICIDE.

4.—In Three Changes.

5.—CASSANDRA & APOLLO.

6.—THE DYING GLADIATOR.

7.—SATYRS & SLEEPING NYMPH.

8.—GRAND FINALE—BRI-TANNIA.

M. PANIZZA will preside at the Pianoforte.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Plan to be seen and Tickets obtained at Messrs LAM, CLARKE & Co.'s also at the Door of the Theatre on the night of Performance.

ADMISSION:

Reserved Seats, \$2.

Unreserved Seats, 1.

H. WILSON, Manager.

Hongkong, September 21, 1877. se23

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports to land Mails and Passengers.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "BRISBANE"

will be despatched as above, on or about the 5th October next.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, September 21, 1877.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. *VENETIA*, *BUKHARA* AND *GEELONG*.CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Vessels, from London, Bombay and Intermediate Ports, and in connection with the Steamer *MONGOLIA* from Calcutta, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns, at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date.

Goods not delivered by the 28th September will be subject to rent.

ADAM LIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, September 21, 1877. se28

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

TWILIGHT, British barque, Capt. Dalargy.

Jardine, Matheson & Co.

NIMROD, British barque, Capt. Clark.

Captain.

ANNIE S. HALL, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. Chas. H. Nelson.

—Douglas Laiprak & Co.

ABERLADY, British barque, Capt. Nicoll.

Jardine, Matheson & Co.

VISCOUNT MACDUFF, British 3-m. schooner, Capt. Wm. Wright.

—Borneo Co., Limited.

CRETEIRON, American ship, Captain W. Lull.

—Siemens & Co.

WOODVILLE, British barque, Captain Nielsen.

—Wm. Pustau & Co.

ALPHINGTON, British barque, Captain G. Cunningham.

—Wieler & Co.

LOUISA, German 3-m. schooner, Captain Scherlock.

—Eduard Schellhaus & Co.

CORINTH, British barque, Capt. Robertson.

—Wieler & Co.

CELEMAN, British barque, Capt. MacKenzie.

—Chinese.

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General Memoranda.

Monday, September 24:—

3 p.m.—Wine Sale, at Mr. Armstrong's Sale Room.

2 p.m.—Chinikang leaves for Cooktown &c. Goods per *Strathair* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Tuesday, September 25:—

Goods per *Yang-tse* undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

Wednesday, September 26:—

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, at its Head Office, Hongkong.

Thursday, September 27:—

Goods per *Braemar Castle* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Friday, September 28:—

Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.

Goods per *Venetia*, &c. undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Saturday, September 29:—

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Sunday, September 30:—

Application for Shares in the North China Insurance Co. must be made on or before this date.

Monday, October 1:—

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

Friday, October 5:—

Brisbane leaves for Singapore, &c., on or about this date.

Saturday, October 6:—

4 p.m.—Sale of Houses, at the Upper Station Street.

CARGO.

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Envoys, we are informed, intend shortly to make a tour of the manufacturing districts. Vice-Admiral Hillyar, O.B., the officer who was recently appointed to the command of the China station, will proceed by the mail leaving Southampton on the 20th inst., and which is due at Hongkong on November 6.

Some of the daily papers contain a curious, jumbled statement to the effect that a special Ambassador from China had arrived in Berlin, and was about to settle some diplomatic questions of importance. The only foundation which there would appear to be for this is that Li, who recently came over with some Chinese cadets, is at Berlin. It is also reported that the "Special Ambassador" is about to proceed to St. Petersburg. Should Li intend to proceed thither, which is possible, he will go entirely on his own account, and his visit will have no official importance.

In reply to a memorial asking that regulations affecting British trading interests at Gibraltar may be modified, Lord Carnarvon has declined to make any change, on the ground that as Gibraltar is only held for Imperial and military purposes, it must be regarded with respect to trade as a part of Spain, and the British residents of the rock having enabled smugglers to reach with impunity the coast of that country, it is the duty of Her Majesty's Government to render the occupation of Gibraltar as inoffensive to Spain as possible.

Admiral Charles Wise (Retired List) died on the 8th inst., in his 68th year. This officer entered the Navy in 1822; passed his examination in 1829; obtained his first commission in 1833; served, from 1835, until paid off at the commencement of 1840, part of the time as senior Lieutenant, in the *Rodney*, Captain Hyde Parker, on the Mediterranean station; and in 1841 was appointed, in the capacity last mentioned, to the *Camilla*, fitting for the flag of Sir W. Parker, whom he accompanied to the coast of China. He commanded a small division of thirty fire-ships at Onsan, and was present at the capture of Wonsung, Shanghai, and Chin-Kiang. For his conduct he was promoted to the rank of commander in 1842, and was reappointed to the *Camilla*. In 1844 he returned to England; he was again, in 1845, nominated second captain in Sir W. Parker in the *Hibernia*, in the Mediterranean; and on the death of Captain Nicholas Lockyer, of the *Albion*, he was promoted, in 1847, into the *Invincible* at Lisbon, and was afterwards flag-captain to Sir W. Parker, in his second commission in the Mediterranean. Again, in 1854, he was flag-captain to Sir W. Parker, who was then appointed commander-in-chief at Devonport. Subsequently he served as commodore on the West Coast of Africa in the *Festoon*, and at the end of that commission he was made captain superintendent of Sheerness Dockyard. He was not employed after attaining flag-rank to which he was promoted in April 1855.

Manila.

(From the Manila Papers.)

On the 13th in the afternoon, General Colonos reviewed the 2nd and 4th Companies of Regt. No. 6 previous to their departure for Socio in the transport *Marquis de la Victoria*.

A slight shock of earthquake was felt at Manila about 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the 12th September, which continued for about 15 seconds.

The following paragraphs regarding the Philippines appeared in one of the principal Madrid papers, and are reproduced by our Manila contemporaries:—

"There met in a congress, in the presence of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and *Deputados*, the Commission appointed to study and improve the law with regard to foreign goods carried under Spanish flag."

"After some remarks made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, they decided that the Spanish vessels that carry Spanish goods to the Philippines, should be exempt from paying any duty at all, while foreign goods, although carried by Spanish vessels, ought to pay the full amount of duty."

The steamer *Leon* obtained, on the 13th September, the service of carrying 14,000 quintales of tobacco to the Peninsula from Manila, at 45 reales vellon of freight per quintal, or \$2,200 in all, being the usual Government rate.

The barque *Estrella* will also take 8,800 quintales of tobacco (out of 10,000 quintales that was to be sent from Cebu to Spain) at 35 reales vellon per quintal, or \$1,725 in all.

The steamer *Francisco* left Barcelona on the 1st September, with 600 artillery soldiers for the relief of those who have served their terms in the Philippines. The steamer is expected at Manila about the middle of October next.

The exportation of gold and silver during the first fortnight of September consisted of \$1,400 worth of gold dust, and \$6,000 worth of same metal in bullion. There were no importations of either metal during the said period.

The fine of \$200 imposed by the Customs of Cebu on the Captain of the German barque *Johanna*, has been ordered by the Central Customs House of Manila to be refunded.

At the auction sale of Tobacco leaf on the 12th September, of the 9,500 quintales offered, 800 quintales la. Isabela was sold to Inohusti & Co. at \$38 per quintal, 100 quintales la. Isabela to Charles German, at \$12 per quintal, and 110 quintales Ogeyan to Pottel & Co. at \$11 per quintal.

The British ship *Scholar* arrived from Hongkong, in ballast, in 14 days.

The British barque *Letitia*, from New Caledonia, N.S.W., with Coal, arrived on the 14th September, 94 days out.

The British barque *Glennia* left for Bangkok on the 13th in ballast.

Loading, Sept. 15. — For New York: *Agnes*, *Ville de Bruxelles*, *Rainbow*, *South Minister* for Liverpool, *Agustina*, &c.

The *Dirio*'s Socio correspondent writing under date of August 17th, says that the Chief Commander of the Philippine Army, D. Salmo Gamir, so anxiously expected by those who know his good qualities; at last arrived at this Colony on the 8th instant in the transport *Marques de la Victoria*, with full powers of Governor-General of this archipelago, to whom have been entrusted the adoption of any measures necessary to secure the complete dominion of those beautiful islands, and to remove any obstacle that may be to the development of

this rich Colony, so little known and badly judged by the outsiders who only see the effects without studying their causes.

To protect the trade effectively we must necessarily occupy a good port, which can be used as a shelter against the effects of the weather that from time to time presents itself, a sea-port for coasting trade, and a geographical port as a key to navigation between the Chinese and the Pacific.

On the second day of his arrival Mr. Gamir, without loss of time visited the several barracks, forts, field hospital, and other military establishments, and at last remained in a *Canarin* at the prayer, occupied by the section of engineers, where he at night received the officers of the garrison. Wines were served and toasts drunk in honor of the King, the Princess and Spain, &c.

On the following days he proposed to receive the several deputations from the Chinese and the Moro Chiefs of Socio and Tawi-Tawi.

On the 14th, while Mr. Gamir was present at a gathering of several heads of departments with the view of studying minutely the way to be pursued for the future welfare of the young Colony, news was received that the Commander of the British gunboat *Curlew*, which had just arrived in port, wished to pay him a visit, and Mr. Gamir proposed to receive him before the whole party. The conversation between the two officials was carried on in the French language. In the afternoon the English Commander was entertained at a dinner given in the magnificent fort "Princesa de Asturias."

On the same evening the Spanish man-of-war *Sirena* arrived, so that in the port quite a beautiful aspect was presented, as besides the British gunboat *Curlew*, there were the gunboats *Santa Lucia*, *Vencedora*, *Sirena*, *Mindoro*, *Paragua*, *Manileno*, and *Araya*, one *Felisa*, one *Loche*, and numerous other small crafts, all displaying the Spanish flag, which harmonized with those flying opposite on the different forts.

The *Curlew*, which arrived from Labuan, sailed on the 15th for Malacca. Her commander offered Mr. Gamir to take on board his vessel any officer of the Spanish army to accompany him and to testify the loyalty of his behaviour in concert with Spain towards the people of that place, but Mr. Gamir very politely refused his kind offer.

China.

(Herald, Sep. 13th.)

H. M.'s S. *Mosquito* arrived from Keelung on the 10th instant, and left for Wenshow this morning. The prevalence of cholera in the port has, we believe, influenced Captain Paul's unanticipated departure.

Cholera has, we understand, appeared on the large island of Ookeen, about 40 miles west of Sharp Peak. Our informant states that the inhabitants are panic-stricken, and have deserted their island-home for the mainland, in great numbers.

H. E. King Futi left for Swatow in one of the Arsenal gunboats on Monday last. The ancestral home of this distinguished official is near the above-named port, in the province of Kwang Tung. His Excellency will be absent for about three months, during which time the gubernatorial duties will be discharged by the Provincial Treasurer, or Fautai.

We hear that the line of telegraph between Takow and Taiwanfo is really about to be commenced. The entire material necessary to its completion has, we believe, been landed. A railway between these two places is also talked of, but there are innumerable difficulties in the way of its accomplishment which tax even the energy of Ting Futi. We hope to touch on this subject at greater length in a subsequent issue.

The cholera death-rate has, we rejoice to state, continued on the decrease during the past week, and the natives are now—thanks to the intervention of the "big" and "little" devils—professing to feel more at ease. At least, noisy demonstrations are beginning to assume a normal aspect. No longer are one's thoughts by day and dreams by night disturbed by the hideous uproar of the great unwashed, though uproar does, and we fear always will, exist amongst the noisy disciples of Han. In the foreign community we regret to record another death on board the Customs cruiser *Feihao*—the European carpenter of that vessel having expired last Friday, after a very short attack. The general health of the foreign residents is however good, but extra attention to diet is not the less imperative.

Tea.—Rather more business has been reported in *Congou* since date of our last issue, at slightly easier rates for common grades, though the laying-down cost of these descriptions is considerably above London value. The Tea men are not forcing sales, but quite willing to realize at current quotations. Supplies are on a moderate scale, while an ample stock of inferior leaf is said to be in reserve up-country.

Total arrivals of *Congou* 562,389 chests. " settlements " 506,565 " Stock, 56,074 chests.

Total arrivals of *Souchong* 40,749 chests. " settlements " 32,011 " Stock, 3,788 chests.

Total arrivals of *Oolong* 49,046 i-chts. " settlements " 17,824 " Stock, 31,222 i-chts.

Total arrivals of *Flowery Pekoe* 4,800 chests. " settlements " 5,890 " Stock, 442 chests.

Total arrivals of *Scented Tea* 99,800 boxes. " settlements " 92,197 " Stock, 7,188 boxes.

Settlements of *Congou* since 6th instant, 11,880 chests at Tls. 5 a 20 per picul, short; *Souchong* since 6th instant, 92 chests at Tls. 13 a 27 per picul, short; *Oolong* since 6th instant, 204 chests at Tls. 18 per picul, short; *Pekoe* since 6th instant, chests at Tls. per picul, short; *Scented Tea* since 6th instant, 2,400 boxes at Tls. 19 a 22 per picul, short.

Tea Export.—To Great Britain—37,044,485 lbs. To Australia—11,912,008 lbs.

Opium.—Re-exported to Shanghai—16 chests Malwa. Market quiet, with but little enquiry.

Lead.—No cash transactions; stocks rather heavy.

Freight.—To London, per steamer, 23. *Vessels Loading*—For London—Nil. For Australia—*Christian Epiphany*, and *Sto Lenley*.

For Cape Town.—*Crested Wave*, and *Catharine Marston*.

Vessels expected to load—For London—*Steamer—Olympia, Glenagles, Anson, and Agamemnon*.

Exchange.—We have again to report a moderate business in sterling mercantile paper, at our quotations. Transactions for the coast have been unimportant in amount, and in some cases the terms have been private.

NEWS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Geelong*, with dates from London to the 17th August, arrived early this morning.

TELEGRAMS.

(Straits Times Extra.)

Manion House, London, Aug. 23.—The Lord Mayor is remitting twenty-five thousand pounds as first instalment to be devoted to relief of the famine sufferers as Your Grace (Buckingham) deems best. Frequent telegrams of the state of the districts and comparative rate of mortality would greatly help the committee.

(The *Madras Mail* of the 28th August has a reassuring leader, in which it states that it has "good cause to believe that the worst period of the Madras famine is over."—Ed. S. T.)

London, Sept. 3.—Consols, 96½. Rentes, 105½. Bar Silver, 54½. Market rate of discount 3 months' eight Bills 2½ per cent. Wheat prices 1s. per quarter higher. Index into Bank \$450,000.

London, Sept. 3.—The Grand Duke Michael personally commands the Russian Army in Asia Minor, replacing General Melnikoff.

The Russian official despatch states that all Osman Pasha's attacks on the 31st were repulsed, and that the Turkish troops were driven back to Plevna. The Russian loss was 600 men.

There is a strike of 10,000 cotton spinners at Bolton.

London, Sept. 4.—Monsieur Thiers died yesterday from an attack of apoplexy. Suleiman Pasha telegraphs that he has strongly recommended the road to Gahrova and has dislodged the enemy near Yehlagah.

London, Sept. 5.—The Turks have evacuated Sukum Kaleh. A Russian official despatch states that the Russians captured Lovats yesterday. The Turkish Parliament is convened for the 18th November. The *Daily News* publishes an account of a battle on the 31st ultimo to the east of Plevna, and states that the Russians were victorious. The Turkish loss was 1,000 men.

London, Sept. 5.—M. Thiers will receive a public funeral. M. Jules Grévy (the President of the dissolved Chamber of Deputies) will probably succeed him as leader of the Republican party.

A Turkish official despatch states that the Russians attacked Kadikoi yesterday, but were repulsed with a loss of 1,600 men. According to unofficial Turkish accounts, the Turks claim a victory on the plain of Eriwan. They have recommenced the threat of Sukum-kaleh.

A Russian official despatch states that the insurrectionary movement in the Caucasus has been suppressed.

A *MORVELL* paper publishes the following wonderful bear story: "Some days ago, a guide, on his way up to Lahoul with his sheep, went out early in the morning for firewood. As he was returning with his bundle of faggots and was passing by the edge of a steep knoll, he suddenly met a bear, who seemed bent upon having a good clasp at him. No time was to be lost. Flight would have been worse than useless, so the guide dropped his wood and threw himself down flat upon his face, shamming dead. Brain came up, smelt him, shook him, and finally tried to poke bits of stick into him to make him move. No use, the guide kept on playing possum. The bear seemed all of a sudden to have a happy thought occur to him, for he stopped a little upon one side, and returned in a minute armed with a most portentous club, apparently with the view of endgulling the guide into getting up when he could clasp him with a clear conscience—it being, I believe, contrary to ursine etiquette to clasp any one who seems to be dead. The guide now in his turn had a happy thought; he contrived to push his bundle of firewood over the edge of the knoll. The bear, somewhat short-sighted by nature, thought it was his intended victim escaping him, and rushed to the edge of the knoll and looked over to see if it was the case. Up jumps the guide, and with one vigorous and sudden dash behind he tipped the bear over the knoll, sending him spinning after the firewood, a few hundred feet into space; and without waiting to see if brain was hurt, he made a clean bolt of it to his camp. He says it will be some time before he goes again to cut wood in that particular place."

COMMERCIAL.

September 21st.

The market for Bengal Opium has been steady throughout the closing fortnight. The rate for New Patna has slightly varied, and a fairly active business has been done in it since last notice. Notwithstanding the still more unfavorable exchange to remitters, the holders of the drug were not reluctant to realize, whilst the consumptive demand has been all that could have been desired with the present high rate of exchange. The rate for New Benares also has ruled very steadily, with a pretty fair local demand for it. Notwithstanding the piecemeal importation of the drug from Singapore, the fall for it from the Coast ports has quite supported the rate. The present quotations are \$390 a \$382½ for Patna and \$377½ a \$380 for Benares.

Of Old Patna the fancy of smokers appears to help the quotation of a few chests at a time, and the rate for it has remained at \$387½ a \$390.

The receipts since last notice have been 820 chests, making the total for the month, so far, 3,065 chests, against 3,878 chests the corresponding date last year. During the fortnight some 800 chests have been taken by the local consumers, against 1,000 chests at the corresponding fortnight last year. This, with the exportations, leaves a stock computed at 1,800 chests, against 2,500 chests some time last year. Of this last quantity 800 chests were Benares, of which kind the present stock includes 400 chests.

MESSRS. HENDERSON & Co.'s Freight Circular, for the Mail of Saturday, 22nd September, says:—

Demand for tonnage during the past fortnight has improved, but only for coasting voyages, the market as regards Home business being as dull and lifeless as last reported.

Homewards, not a settlement has been effected, and freights are quite nominal. Some inquiry exists for ships to load Rice in Japan, but the rate offered is too low to bring about business. From the Philippines there is no demand.

Coastwise, a large number of vessels have been settled to load in Newchwang at gradually improving rates as the season for loading there is approaching its close. For the Southern Rice Ports nothing has been done, and there is no demand for either steamers or sailing vessels.

The British schooner *Grecia*, 145 tons, left for Foochow to load for Dunedin, N.Z. The British bark *Chit*, 446 tons, has been laid on the berth for Callao having been ordered to proceed to that port. The British bark *Edinburgh*, 627 tons, cleared for Newchwang "sailing," but will probably load Tea at a Coast Port. The American ship *Titan*, 1,229 tons, has been laid on for London, rate of freight nominally £1 15s. per ton of 50 feet.

The British brig *Maid Marian*, 298 tons, proceeds to Nagasaki, having been sold privately, the price reported being \$9,000. The following vessels cleared "seeking":—German bark *Rosa Botcher*, 898 tons, and the American bark *Essex*, 638 tons, both for Guam.

The disengaged tonnage in port amounts to 29 vessels, registering 21,751 tons. The following are the settlements:—German ship *Galatas*, 1296, hence to San Francisco, private.

British schooner *Anguste*, 210, hence to Port Elizabeth and Cape Town, private.

German bark *Jan Fier*, 356, hence to Monte Video and Buenos Ayres, private.

British bark *Victory*, 255, hence to Tientsin and back via Newchwang, 37 cents per picul, 30 lay days.

British bark *Kate Waters*, 580, Newchwang to Hongkong, 18 cents per picul, 25 lay days.

French bark *Papillon*, 458, Newchwang to Hongkong, 20 cents per picul, 30 lay days.

German ship *Gustav & Marie*, 354, Newchwang to Hongkong, 20 cents per picul, 23 lay days.

German bark *A. E. Vidal*, 332, Newchwang to Hongkong, 20 cents per picul, 20 lay days.

German bark *Brems*, 380, Newchwang to Hongkong, 20 cents per picul, 23 lay days.

German bark *Beethoven*, 340, Newchwang to Hongkong, 20 cents per picul, 23 lay days.

German bark *Mikado*, 330, Newchwang to Hongkong, 20 cents per picul, 24 lay days.

German bark *Ceres*, 431, Newchwang to Hongkong, 22 cents per picul, 25 lay days.

British bark *Assa*, 355, Newchwang to Hongkong, 25 cents per picul, if to Whampoa 27 cents, 18 lay days.

British bark *May Queen*, 472, Newchwang to Hongkong, 23 cents per picul, 25 lay days.

British bark *Jonian*, 378, Newchwang to Hongkong, 23 cents per picul, 25 lay days.

German bark *George*, 769, Newchwang to Swatow, 20 cents per picul, 25 lay days.

Danish bark *Michaelsen*, 447, Newchwang to Swatow, 20 cents per picul, 25 lay days.

German ship *Adolph*, 367, Newchwang to Swatow, 20 cents per picul, 20 lay days.

German bark *Gustav*, 656, Newchwang to Swatow, 20 cents per picul, 25 lay days.

German bark *Iris*, 506, Newchwang to Swatow, 20 cents per picul, 25 lay days.

British bark *Star Queen*, 769, Newchwang to Swatow, 20 cents per picul, 30 lay days.

American barque *Thomas Fletcher*, 645, Newchwang to Swatow, 30 cents per picul, 25 lay days.

British bark *Glenfruin*, 472, Newchwang to Swatow, 24 cents per picul, 27 lay days.

British ship *James Shepherd*, 349, Newchwang to Swatow, 21 cents per picul, 30 lay days.

British ship *Golden Spur*, 656, Newchwang and Chefoo to Whampoa, 20 cents per picul, 30 lay days.

British bark *Antipoda*, 672, Newchwang to Whampoa, 25 cents per picul, 30 lay days.

French bark *Charlot*, 356, hence to Haiphong and back, \$1,300 in full, 27 lay days.

French bark *St. Anne*, 286, hence to Haiphong and back, \$1,000 in full, 30 lay days.

French bark *Eudoxia Adolphine*, 254, hence to Quinhon and back, \$1,450 in full, 30 lay days.

British bark *Charlotte Andrews*, 356, hence to Quinhon and back, \$1,750 in full, 30 lay days.

British ship *Twilight*, 630, hence to Singapore, \$1,300 in full, 17 lay days.

British steamer *Ambato*, 973, hence to Saigon and back, 25 cents per picul, 11 lay days.

British steamer *Golden Horn*, 1,023, hence to Saigon and back, 25 cents per picul, 11 lay days.

German steamer *Bellona*, 789, Saigon to Hongkong, 21 cents per picul, 8 lay days.

Spanish steamer *Zamboanga*, 681, hence to Singapore, \$8,000 in full, 7 lay days.

British steamer *Nelson*, 894, Swatow to Singapore (Passenger), 7½ per head, 11 lay days.

British steamer *Flintshire* 1,243, Swatow to Singapore (Passenger), 9½ per head, 10 lay days.

MESSRS. DRACON & Co.'s Canton Market Report, dated Canton, 10th Sept., says:—

There has been rather more activity in our Tea market during the past two weeks, and a fair business has resulted.

Congou.—One small parcel is reported to be in demand in Japan, and a fair amount of shipments have been made thence.

Old Patna.—In the short week of the past fortnight buyers showed little disposition to operate, but lately more desire has been displayed, though business has not been general.

Medium Capers have been chiefly in demand at a decline of ½ to 1 tal; cotton grades have also been enquired for, and tea has been able to obtain full prices for these teas; fine and finest teas have only found buyers to a small extent, and prices for these are unaltered. Fourth crop teas are now arriving in some quantity; the quality of the leaf appears to be fair.

It has been dealt in to a moderate extent; "short leaf" has formed the bulk of the shipments, and they have been taken at full rates; prices for these have ruled

from Tls. 13 a 16, and for "long leaf" from Tls. 18 a 26.

Our Export figures of Scented teas still show a large increase on those of last season, but the total shipments for the season do not promise to show any material excess.

The following is a summary of the fortnight's business:—

Congou, 400 boxes a Tls. 24 per picul; Scented Capers, 24,800 boxes a Tls. 18½ a 26 per picul; Scented Orange Pekoe, 6,750 boxes a Tls. 13 a 26 per picul.

Export of the various descriptions of Teas shipped from Canton Waters (Hongkong, Canton and Macao) to Great Britain to date:—Sept. 1, S.S. *Ironclad* (Add.), 5,000 boxes a Tls. 13 a 26 per picul; S. O. *Pekoe* 13,800 lbs., total 61,985 lbs.; S. S. *Victory*, *Congou* 88,793 lbs., S. *Caper* 133,799 lbs., S. O. *Pekoe* 77,790 lbs., *Santa* 17,740 lbs., total 318,062 lbs.; S. S. *Pelham*, *Congou* 193,831 lbs., S. *Caper* 472,599 lbs., S. O. *Pekoe* 77,146 lbs., total 743,076 lbs.; S. S. *Killarney*, *Congou* 63,715 lbs., S. *Caper* 194,012 lbs., S. O. *Pekoe* 9,450 lbs., total 267,177 lbs.; S. B. *Accord*, *Congou* 46,000 lbs., S. *Caper* 247,019 lbs., S. O. *Pekoe* 162,846 lbs., total 455,865 lbs.

—Making, with previous shipments, a total for the season of 11,535,897 lbs. (including 192,649 lbs. lost in *Meikong*); against 9,593,484 for season 1876-77.

Stock.—The receipt of news advising a rather improved tone in the London market has imparted a stimulus to business here, and the result has been a very fairly active fortnight. 800 bales were taken in the first week, and 500 bales are since reported to have changed hands, all classes of Teas real have shared in the general enquiry.—No. 4 has been bought at \$352½ and \$360 per picul—\$355 a \$360 per picul is now the quotation for good silk of that class. If the few musters of fifth crop silk which have been shown are a fair sample of the yield, it appears preferable to previous crops of this season. The outcome is not likely to be so large as was expected.

Long-leaf.—Settlements for India are 70 bales of different sorts.

Re-reels.—500 boxes are reported contracted for, including best and Nos. 1, 2 and 3 qualities of Cumchuck and Lucklow. Stock is computed at 1,000 bales Teasles, 100 to 150 bales Cumchuck and Lucklow, 50 bales Kowkong, and 200 to 300 bales of bales of inferior descriptions.

